

Jowers, Kinsey, Knox, Lea, Moore of Davis, Parsons, Shepard, Throckmorton, Wootten, and White—21.

Nays—Mr. Ford—1.

The question being on the passage of the bill to 3rd reading, the Senate adjourned until 9 o'clock A.M. tomorrow.

Wednesday, November 9, 1864
9 o'clock A.M.

Senate met, roll called, quorum present. The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Guinn, Chairman of Committee on Claims and Accounts recommended the passage of a bill for relief of Luke A. Falvell.

Mr. Guinn introduced a bill making an appropriation for repairing the Executive Mansion. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Burney introduced a bill to dispose of sundry property belonging to the State. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Finance Committee.

A message from the House informed the Senate of the passage of the following:

A bill to provide for the destruction of Treasury Warrants and coupons of the State Bonds paid into the Treasury. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Finance.

Joint resolution concerning peace, reconstruction, and independence.

A bill to repeal certain laws therein named. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Finance.

A bill amendatory of an act to regulate the estraying of stock in certain counties therein named. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

A bill more effectually to provide for the support and maintenance of families and dependents of Texas soldiers, being on its passage to 3rd reading. Mr. Ford offered the following amendment:

Strike out sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 and insert.

Section 1. That 600,000 yards of the cloth and all the excess of thread manufactured by the State Penitentiary be and the same is hereby appropriated annually for the support and maintenance of the indigent families and dependents of Texas soldiers, to be used as follows: said cloth

and thread shall be sold by the Financial Agent of the Penitentiary in the City of Houston at public auction to the highest bidder for specie, after notice shall be given for three successive weeks in two newspapers published in the City of Houston having the largest circulation of the time and plan of said sale, and a sale shall be made once in every two months.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Financial Agent of the Penitentiary after paying the expenses of the transportation and sale of said cloth immediately after cash sale to pay over the proceeds thereof into the State Treasury.

Section 3. The money coming from the proceeds of the sales of cloth and thread as herein before provided for shall be distributed to the several county courts of the indigent families and dependents of Texas soldiers in the manner provided by law for the distribution of appropriations heretofore made; provided that nothing in this act contained shall be so constructed as to prevent the county courts of the counties which have not heretofore received the amount of cloth to which they were entitled under distributions heretofore made from directing the Financial Agent of the Penitentiary within ninety days from the approval of this act to sell the amount of cloth to which said counties may be entitled at the time and plan and upon the terms upon which the cloth in this act appropriated is required to be sold and the Financial Agent of the Penitentiary shall pay into the Treasury the proceeds of said sales to be distributed to the counties entitled to the same; provided there is a sufficient amount of said cloth left to pay such counties after as much of said cloth as may be necessary to meet the appropriation in this act made and for bartering to obtain subsistence, material and labor for the Penitentiary.

Laid on the table by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Burney, Charlton, Davis, Dickson, Haskell, Holland, Jowers, Kinsey, Maxey, Moore of Davis, Parsons, and White—12.

Nays—Messrs. Durant, Ford, Guinn, Harcourt, Hartley, Hord, Knox, Lea, Throckmorton, and Wootten—10.

Mr. Hord offered the following amendment to Section 1. Strike out all after the word "State" in the last sentence and insert "to be distributed by said county court to the indigent families and dependents of soldiers in their re-

spective counties." Mr. Maxey moved to lay the amendment on the table. Yeas and nays were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Charlton, Davis, Dickson, Haskell, Holland, Jowers, Kinsey, Maxey, Moore of Davis, Parsons, and White—11.

Nays—Messrs. Durant, Ford, Guinn, Harcourt, Hartley, Hord, Knox, Lea, Shepard, Throckmorton, and Wootten—11.

The President voted nay.

The question being upon the adoption of the amendment the yeas and nays were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Durant, Ford, Guinn, Harcourt, Hartley, Hord, Knox, Lea, Shepard, Throckmorton, and Wootten—11.

Nays—Messrs. Burney, Charlton, Davis, Dickson, Haskell, Holland, Jowers, Kinsey, Maxey, Moore of Davis, Parsons, and White—12.

Mr. Guinn offered to amend by adding at the end of Section 4, "Provided further that in no case shall the cloth be sold or bartered at less than its market value." Mr. Dickson moved to lay on the table.

Yeas—Messrs. Charlton, Davis, Dickson, Haskell, Holland, Jowers, Kinsey, Maxey, Moore of Davis, Parsons, and White—11.

Nays—Messrs. Burney, Durant, Ford, Guinn, Harcourt, Hartley, Hord, Knox, Lea, Shepard, Throckmorton, and Wootten—12.

The amendment was then adopted. Mr. Hartley then offered the following amendment: Strike out all after the word "to" in 9th line of Section 4 and insert "distribute it to the indigent families and dependents of Texas soldiers and those engaged in the naval or marine service of the State or Confederate government according to their necessities."

Mr. Charlton moved to lay the amendment on the table. **Carried.**

The question shall the bill pass to 3rd reading being about to be put, Mr. Ford moved a call of the Senate which was sustained. The Senate not being full, a bill to provide for two itinerant revenue agents was taken up and read 2nd time. Mr. Hord moved to strike out "itinerant" wherever it occurs in the bill. **Carried.** The bill was then referred to a select committee. Messrs. Hord, Lea, Harcourt,

Throckmorton, and Ford were announced a said committee. Whereupon the Senate adjourned until 3 o'clock P.M.

3 o'clock P.M.

Senate met. Roll called. Quorum present.

The call of the Senate having been suspended by the adjournment, the yeas and nays were called on the passage of the bill in relation to the support of soldiers' families, to its 3rd reading. Messrs. Shepard, Parsons, and Jowers were on motion appointed a committee to wait upon and receive the votes of Messrs. Jordan and Selman, who were unable from indisposition to be in the Chamber.

Yeas—Messrs. Burney, Charlton, Davis, Dickson, Haskell, Holland, Jordan, Jowers, Kinsey, Maxey, Moore of Davis, Parsons, and White—13.

Nays—Messrs. Durant, Ford, Guinn, Harcourt, Hartley, Hord, Knox, Lea, Shepard, Throckmorton, and Wootten—11.

Mr. Selman was excused from voting. Mr. Throckmorton moved to suspend the rule. Yeas and nays were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Burney, Davis, Dickson, Durant, Ford, Guinn, Haskell, Holland, Hord, Jowers, Kinsey, Maxey, Moore of Davis, Parsons, Throckmorton, Wootten, and White—17.

Nays—Messrs. Harcourt, Hartley, Knox, Lea, and Shepard—5. So the motion was lost, 4/5 being required.

A bill to amend the 5th section of an act to incorporate the City of New Braunfels was read 2nd time and informally passed over.

Mr. Maxey introduced a bill concerning the distribution of cloth from the Penitentiary. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Lea, Chairman of Committee on Finance, made the following report:

To the Honorable F. S. Stockdale, President of the Senate:

The Committee on Finance to which was referred a bill to be entitled an act to amend the first section of an act entitled an act to regulate the manner of liquidating claims for payment under appropriations made by the Legislature, approved May 28, 1864, has considered the subject and now reports the bill with a recommendation that it do not pass.

The object of the bill appears to be the including of the pension list in the provisions of the law to be amended. It is possible that some of the persons on this list should have some improved provision made for them, but the Committee is not satisfied of the existence of any such case, while there is good reason to believe that the list is now excessive in numbers and actually needs material reform.

Wherefore this Committee further reports a resolution that inquiry be made as to the condition of said list.

Pryor Lea, Chairman

To the Honorable F. S. Stockdale, President of the Senate:

The Committee on Finance, to which was referred a House bill styled a bill to be entitled an act to insure correct returns of assessment rolls to the Comptroller's office, has considered the subject and now reports the bill with a recommendation that it be passed.

Pryor Lea, Chairman

To the Honorable F. S. Stockdale, President of the Senate:

The Committee on Finance, to which was referred a House bill styled a bill to be entitled an act to provide for the exchange of so much of the old issues of the Treasury Notes of the Confederate States as is now or may be hereafter in the Treasury for the new issue as is authorized by the acts of Congress that now exist or may hereafter be passed, has considered the subject and now reports the bill with a recommendation that it be passed but with an amendment as submitted herewith, to be the second section of the act.

Pryor Lea, Chairman

The Senate then adjourned until 7 o'clock P.M.

Senate met, roll called, no quorum.

An adjournment until 9 o'clock A.M. tomorrow was moved and carried.

Thursday, November 10, 1864

9 o'clock A.M.

Senate met, roll called, quorum present. The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Parsons, Chairman of Committee on Internal Im-